

**Village of Lovington
Regular Board Meeting
September 9, 2013**

Call to order: President Jim Minor called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance: President Minor led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call found the following trustees to be present: Doug Smith, Roger Walker, Pam Anklam, Dennis Garmon, and Barry Morgan. President Jim Minor, Clerk Alma Fair and Treasurer Katie Stanley were also present. David Eckel was absent

Guests present were Sara Gale, Carole Jacoby, Julie Yantis, Laura Stinson, Ralph Zancha, Jerod McMorris, Tina Bolsen, Victoria & David Goacher, Kris & Shawn Evans, Grant Luttrell, Meta Creek, Candi & Chris Bennett, Linda Patrick, Shirley Smith and Florence Hallford.

Those noted as requesting to speak were Sara Gale, Ralph Zancha, David Goacher, Shawn Evans, Grant Lurraell, Tina Bolsen, Meta Creek, Candi & Chris Bennett.

1. **Sara Gale** regarding new horseshoe pit in Tom Conn Park – Sara and her three sisters were present to explain about why they wanted to have a horseshoe pit at the park. Their dad loved horseshoeing and was #3 in the world. Mr. Burcham's daughters would like to donate \$500.00 to help in recreating the horseshoe pit. Sara provided legal measurements of a horseshoe pit. She and Dennis G. have stepped out a location at the park which would be located east of the kids play area next to Dennis Garmon's back yard. The back boards now have to be wood, with blue clay around the stakes. Sara provided Dennis G. with a book that tells about the regulations as well as pictures of Shelbyville's pits. The cost would be the wood for the back board and possibly the blue clay. Dennis will look into the cost and report next month.
2. **Ralph Zancha** regarding leasing 108 E State St – Mr. Zancha has read over the lease and would like to lease the building for 5 years with an option to lease for another 5 years. He would pay \$250.00 per month and they would pay for the utilities as well as liability insurance. His daughter will be operating the gun shop; he has been doing it for 12 years. He will get with Dennis G. to go over the lease and have a proof of insurance. He would like to start the lease on October 1, 2013. Dennis G. asked Roger W. if the building was ready to lease and it is but Mr. Zancha will need to have the security installed in the building. Any modifications made to the building will be paid by Mr. Zancha. The lease is a standard commercial lease but it would need to be modified.
3. **David Goacher** would like to rent the old police station for storage. There is a lock between the front and the back of the building so that no one can go from the front to back. The storage would not contain anything flammable. He has been renting a storage unit in Sullivan and would like to give his money here in town instead of Sullivan. Roger W. recommends that we lease to him month to month in case we have to repair anything in that building. A motion will be made when Roger W. has his reports.
4. **Shawn Evans** – Would like to know what about the cul-de-sac. Walker replied that if anything is done it wouldn't be until next spring. The house next door to Evans can't be sold because his truck is blocking access to the driveway. Mr. Evans asked about the stakes that were placed by the surveyor. Walker told him that he could move them.
5. **Grant Luttrell** – Mr. Luttrell lives on Virginia drive and he doesn't know where his property line is – What is marked it is so much different then when he purchased his property. Walker says that where the stakes are located from the road in is the Village property. Where the markers are is his property. If he doesn't agree with the markers then he can get someone else come and survey the property lines. Walker told him that he could still use the property but he couldn't build anything on the Village property. The ditch in the back is a natural water way so it can't be changed. Mr. Luttrell asked if he needed to move the fence that is on Village property now. The answer was no for now.
6. **Tina Bolsen** – Represented the Alumni committee. Normally the street to the West of the Post Office is blocked off, if they have more vendors then could they also block off the street to the East of the bank? Pam A. was concerned about the drive through at the bank. Tina - More picnic tables are needed downtown. Roger W. will make sure there are more for this year. Tina – garbage cans are over flowing. Tina – could the Police remind people to remove their vehicles around 12:30? The police will also need to block Rt 32 at 1:00 pm. Tina - can the Mayor ride in the parade? Also a police car? She left entry blanks for them to fill out. Tina - Will need electricity and what about port-a-potties? The only cost would be to provide the port-a-potties. Dennis G. will need to check into the port-a-potties; probably need two.
7. **Meta Creek** – street lights that are out – who calls them in. Walker told her to call the Village hall if they see any that are out then Sue calls it in to Ameren.
8. **Candi Bennett** – regarding the skate park and an issue with the bench that was there. The Bennett's had it removed but want to know what the problem is. The Village paid nothing for this skate park. In April she remembers that Walker stated that I know you don't want memorials in the park but if they take memorial off the bench and replace it with "in honor of". Walker said yes Candi is right he remembers there was a lot of discussion about it at the April meeting. The bench says "dedicated to the friends and family of (the three boys names)." Pam A. has heard from several people - we are denied memorials why can't we have a memorial. We all feel for you but she was afraid it was opening a can of worms if it is allowed. Chris Bennett asked if we could put it on a ballot for the community to decide. Walker – there is an election next year and we can let the Village vote. ~~Mr. Bennett~~ The Village would also like to have a metal sign with the rules and regulations. Walker will get it ordered. Doug S. said that we accepted the skate board and the bench is a part of it so it is a done deal. Dennis G. stated that he thinks Doug has a point but if there wasn't anything in the motion in April then it is a done deal. Doug S. told that board they had two chances to make sure that

it was in the minutes and it wasn't. Morgan moved to not accept memorial in the park – Smith moved not to accept this motion so the motion died. Mayor Minor made the decision to put the bench back in the park.

New Business

1. Discussion and action of Jerry's East End remaining open until 2:00 a.m. on Saturday, October 19 and Sunday, October 20, 2013 for Homecoming
2. A **Motion** was made by Morgan and seconded by Smith to allow Jerry's East End to remain open until 2:00 a.m. on Saturday, October 19 and Sunday, October 20, 2013 for Homecoming.
YEA: Smith, Walker, Anklaam, Morgan, Garmon. **MOTION CARRIED.** Absent: Eckel
3. Discussion and action on Jerry's East End temporarily blocking Center St along the east side of the bar for bags games October 19 and 20, 2013
4. A **Motion** was made by Anklaam and seconded by Garmon to allow Jerry's East End temporarily blocking Center St along the east side of the bar for bags games October 19 and 20, 2013.
YEA: Walker, Anklaam, Morgan, Garmon, Smith. **MOTION CARRIED.** Absent: Eckel
5. Discussion and action on Jerry's East End temporarily blocking Center St along the east side of the bar on September 28, 2013 for a Poker Run benefiting Toys for Tots
A **Motion** was made by Walker and seconded by Smith to allow Jerry's East End temporarily blocking Center St along the east side of the bar on September 28, 2013 for a Poker Run benefiting Toys for Tots.
YEA: Anklaam, Morgan, Garmon, Smith, Walker. **MOTION CARRIED.** Absent: Eckel
6. Discussion and action on Shooter's Bar roping off the west side of the sidewalk in front of the bar on W State St on September 28, 2013 to control entry into the bags games area.
A **Motion** was made by Morgan and seconded by Anklaam to allow Shooter's Bar to rope off the west side of the sidewalk in front of the bar on W State St on September 28, 2013 to control entry into the bags games area.
YEA: Morgan, Garmon, Smith, Walker, Anklaam. **MOTION CARRIED.** Absent: Eckel
7. Discussion and action on Shooter's Bar customers to consume alcoholic beverages on September 28, 2013 purchased at Shooter's within the roped area for the bags games.
A **Motion** was made by Anklaam and seconded by Morgan to allow Shooter's Bar customers to consume alcoholic beverages on September 28, 2013 purchased at Shooter's within the roped area for the bags games. As long as there is no glass only cans or cups outside.
YEA: Garmon, Smith, Walker, Anklaam, Morgan. **MOTION CARRIED.** Absent: Eckel
8. Discussion and action on Shooter's Bar having a band play outside on September 28, 2013 on the west side of the bar from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m.
A **Motion** was made by Smith and seconded by Anklaam to allow Shooter's Bar having a band play outside on September 28, 2013 on the west side of the bar from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m.
YEA: Smith, Walker, Anklaam, Morgan, Garmon. **MOTION CARRIED.** Absent: Eckel
Mayor Minor will talk to Denise if any complaints - they will be shut down
9. Discussion and action on Shooter's Bar remaining open until 2:00 a.m. on Saturday, October 19 and Sunday, October 20, 2013 for Homecoming
10. A **Motion** was made by Morgan and seconded by Garmon to allow Shooter's Bar remaining open until 2:00 a.m. on Saturday, October 19 and Sunday, October 20, 2013 for Homecoming.
YEA: Walker, Anklaam, Morgan, Garmon, Smith. **MOTION CARRIED.** Absent: Eckel

Old Business

1. Jerod McMorris from Good Energy spoke on "A Resolution authorizing execution of a service agreement with the lowest responsible bidder for the supply of electricity for residential and small commercial retail customers who do not opt out of such a program." Mr. McMorris explained that the current contract will not end until May, 2014 the new contract that we would be signing will then take effect in June, 2014. If we don't sign this resolution then in June, 2014 we would be given back to Ameren Illinois. The meeting that we will attend to vote will be in Charleston or Decatur and starts at 10 and will be over at 1 on September 25th. He will contact Dennis G. to let him know where it will be held for sure. Dennis and Roger will be attending.
A **Motion** was made by Garmon and seconded by Anklaam to accept the Resolution #R-09092013 authorizing execution of a service agreement with the lowest responsible bidder for the supply of electricity for residential and small commercial retail customers who do not opt out of such a program.
YEA: Anklaam, Morgan, Garmon, Smith, Walker. **MOTION CARRIED.** Absent: Eckel
Businesses in Lovington that didn't qualify can contact Jerod and can see what he can do for them.

Minutes and action of Village Clerk

1. Discussion and action on invoices

A **Motion** was made by Walker and seconded by Morgan to accept the listed invoices.

YEA: Morgan, Garmon, Smith, Walker, Anklaam. **MOTION CARRIED.** Absent: Eckel

2. **Discussion and action on August 5, 2013 Regular Board meeting minutes.**

A **Motion** was made by Walker and seconded by Smith to approve the August 5, 2013 Regular Board meeting minutes.

YEA: Morgan, Garmon, Smith, Walker, Ankla. **MOTION CARRIED.** Absent: Eckel

Treasurer's Report

1. Discussion and action on June, July and August 2013 Treasurer's reports. Treasurer Katie S. explained the June to August Treasurer's report as presented.

A **Motion** was made by Garmon and seconded by Smith to accept the June, July and August 2013 treasurer's report as presented.

YEA: Garmon, Smith, Walker, Ankla, Morgan. **MOTION CARRIED.** Absent: Eckel

Department Reports

Presidents Report – by Jim Minor

1. Jehovah's Witnesses were in town and he stopped them and asked if they contacted the police about going door to door, they had not. He then received a letter from their headquarters in New York saying they didn't have to contact the police to go door to door.
2. President Minor received a letter from Dave Eckel stating he was resigning from the board and water and sewer as of tonight. A **Motion** was made by Walker and seconded by Garmon to accept Mr. Eckel's resignation.
YEA: Garmon, Smith, Walker, Ankla, Morgan. **MOTION CARRIED.**
Dennis G. will fill in until a new board member is found. Doug S. will help out too.
3. Update on 112 E. State St. (Stovall property) – President Minor received from the attorney, a copy of the letter that was sent to Mr. Stovall. We now have the Warranty Deed signed by Mr. Stovall for the 112 E. State Street property. Fair will place it in the lock box. And while she is in the lock box she will make a list of what it contains.

Water and Sewer Report – by David Eckel

1. Water billing report – none with Eckel's absent and resignation. Barry M. did state that one of the wells is on line and one isn't. Dennis G. will talk to Chris G. about the testing to see when the 2nd well can get back on line. The Water billing receipts was provided in the board packets.

Parks and Special Projects – by Dennis Garmon

1. Update on computers for the Village Hall – QNS will be at the Village Hall on Wednesday to start installing two new computers and move the current computer to a location that it can be used too. Cabling will need to be installed so that the Water dept. can be networked in.
2. Aggregation funds received were \$347.96
3. Gaming tax funds received were \$1,660.97
4. The horseshoe pit has already been approved to be built; Dennis G. will be reporting as to the cost next month.
5. A **Motion** was made by Garmon and seconded by Ankla to allow Zancha to lease the building at 108 E State St.
YEA: Smith, Walker, Ankla, Morgan, Garmon. **MOTION CARRIED.**
6. A **Motion** was made by Walker and seconded by Garmon to get two port-a-potties for Homecoming.
YEA: Walker, Ankla, Morgan, Garmon, Smith. **MOTION CARRIED.**
Morgan said that next year we need to remember that we already donated \$500.00 to them for expenses.
7. A **Motion** was made by Walker and seconded by Morgan to rent the old police building to David Goacher for \$60.00 a month.
YEA: Ankla, Morgan, Garmon, Smith, Walker. **MOTION CARRIED.**
Pam A. has a copy of a lease for renting units for Garmon to use. We will make sure that he will not be able to get into the other part of the building from his side and vice versa.

Police – by Pam Ankla

1. Police report our three part-time police officers will be attending officer training classes September 28th. As soon as she gets their applications back the fees that need to go with the applications will be sent.
2. Animal Control report – 9 total calls, 1 police, and 8 residents. 8 stray dogs, 1 humane assist, 3 verbal citations and impoundment of 2 dogs.

Streets and Alleys – by Doug Smith

Maintenance items- Tires were put on several pieces of equipment. Cracks on some of the roads need to be taken care of.

Buildings and Grounds – by Roger Walker

1. Skate Park report - the park is done. It is ready to go; dirt was brought in to fill in around the area.
2. Skate Park inspection and sign off - Roger inspected and found some problems; he called the American Ramp Company and the final bill will not to be paid until they are corrected.
3. Update on the Virginia Drive right of way – the survey it is what it is and he is sorry it upset the people on Virginia drive. The signs for the right-of-way need to be put up as soon as possible.

The surveyor said the best time to finish up out east and west on the railroad right of way, is in the winter months. Walker is turning the Virginia drive cul-de-sac project over to Doug S. because he is over streets and alleys. Smith stated that if we decide to do cul-de-sac or the alley it will be considered as new construction and Motor Fuel can't pay for it only maintenance. Walker is also turning the Skate Park over to Dennis G. since it is completed.

Insurance – by Barry Morgan

1. Health Alliance is increasing by 3.9% or \$132.00 per month.

Closed Session

Meeting of “The Mayor & Commissioners of a municipality organized under article 4 of the Municipal Code held to discuss matters, which relate solely to exercise their executive or administrative responsibilities.”

1. Discussion regarding light duty for full time employees

We didn't go into closed session because Eckel was the one that requested that it be on the agenda.

Adjournment

A **Motion** was made by Morgan and seconded by Smith to adjourn at 9:45 p.m.

YEA: Anklaam, Morgan, Garmon, Smith, Walker. **MOTION CARRIED.**



Alma M. Fair, Village Clerk

October 7, 2013 per correction

Date Approved